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## Subpart A—General

### § 81.1 Scope of part.

(a) *Authority.* The Secretary has general regulatory power respecting the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") (referred to collectively as Government-sponsored enterprises ("GSEs")) and is required to make such rules and regulations as are necessary and proper to ensure that the provisions of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 ("FHEFSSA"), codified generally at 12 U.S.C. 4501–4641; the Fannie Mae Charter Act, 12 U.S.C. 1716–1723h; and the Freddie Mac Act, 12 U.S.C. 1451–59, are accomplished.

(b) *Relation between this part and the authorities of OFHEO.* The Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight ("OFHEO") will issue separate regulations implementing the Director's authority respecting the

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GSEs. In this part, OFHEO and the Director are only referenced when the Director's responsibilities are connected with the Secretary's responsibilities.

### § 81.2 Definitions.

(a) *Statutory terms.* All terms defined in FHEFSSA (12 U.S.C. 4502) are used in accordance with their statutory meaning unless otherwise defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Other terms.* As used in this part, the term—

*AHAR* means the Annual Housing Activities Report that a GSE submits to the Secretary under sections 309(n) of the Fannie Mae Charter Act or 307(f) of the Freddie Mac Act.

*AHAR information* means data or information contained in the AHAR.

*AHS* means the American Housing Survey published by HUD and the Department of Commerce.

*Balloon mortgage* means a mortgage providing for payments at regular intervals, with a final payment ("balloon payment") that is at least 5 percent more than the periodic payments. The periodic payments may cover some or all of the periodic principal or interest. Typically, the periodic payments are level monthly payments that would fully amortize the mortgage over a stated term and the balloon payment is a single payment due after a specified period (but before the mortgage would fully amortize) and pays off or satisfies the outstanding balance of the mortgage.

*Book-entry GSE Security* means a GSE Security issued or maintained in the Book-entry System. Book-entry GSE Security also means the separate interest and principal components of a Book-entry GSE Security if such security has been designated by the GSE as eligible for division into such components and the components are maintained separately on the books of one or more Federal Reserve Banks.

*Book-entry System* means the automated book-entry system operated by the Federal Reserve Banks acting as the fiscal agent for the GSEs, on which Book-entry GSE Securities are issued, recorded, transferred and maintained in book-entry form.